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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YUKITOSHI TAKEUCHI ET AL. )  
Application No.: 09/899,022 )  
Filed: July 6, 2001 )  
For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND )  
ORIGINAL COVER THEREOF )

Examiner: James A. Thompson  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Introductory Comments

In response to the Official Action mailed August 9, 2005, the Examiner is requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.

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